# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Good Quality Cotton
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is a shortage of good quality cotton in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the quantity of cotton produced/imported during each of the last three years including the reasons for import of cotton, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) is not purchasing cotton from the farmers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken in this regard including the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for cotton this year; and

(e) whether there are demands to purchase cotton even if the moisture content is between 18-20 per cent, if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does note arise.

(c) to (e): For Cotton Season 2015-16, MSP for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade has been fixed at Rs. 3800/- per quintal for medium staple and Rs.4100/- for long staple. As on 10.12.2015, 6.18 lakh bales of cotton have been procured by Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations.

Farmers have demanded to purchase cotton with excess moisture. However, purchase is being made as per guidelines having moisture less than 12% as kapas having higher moisture content than 12% is not processable.

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